

Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Internet safety workshop now available on MOREnet

According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's *Online Victimization: A Report on Our Nation's Youth*, approximately one in five children received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet in one year. Therefore it is critical that children, parents, and educators inform themselves about the potential dangers that children can face while surfing the Internet.

The NetSmartz Workshop®, a program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® and Boys & Girls Clubs of America, is an interactive, educational resource for youth (ages 5 to 17), parents, guardians, educators, and law enforcement. The program uses age-appropriate, 3-D activities to teach young people how to stay safer on the Internet.

The NetSmartz Workshop has provided MOREnet with a downloadable version of the interactive computer activities and supporting materials. Librarians, teachers, and parents can access NetSmartz from MOREnet at <http://www.netsmartz.org/education/mo/>. The Missouri State Library encourages library directors and youth services staff to review the NetSmartz Workshop resources. Libraries can use the activities and materials to help them plan and conduct Internet safety workshops and classes for parents and their children.

The goal of the NetSmartz Workshop is to extend the safety awareness of young people to prevent victimization and increase self-confidence whenever they go online. NetSmartz Workshop teaches children and teens the rules for online safety:

1. I will tell my parents, my guardian, or a trusted adult if anything makes me feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.
2. I will ask my parents, my guardian, or a trusted adult before sharing my personal information.
3. I won't meet in person with anyone I have first "met" online.

The program entertains youth while educating them about Internet safety. The teaching materials are divided into different age groups. Children in kindergarten through second grade learn to never give out any personal information from Clicky, the NetSmartz robot. Cyber siblings Nettie and Webster talk to children in grades three through six about online risks and introduce children to the "WizzyWigs." The "WizzyWigs" are characters that represent Internet dangers. Age-appropriate activities and stories help teens understand about Internet dangers, as well as other Internet topics such as spamming, hacking, plagiarism, and piracy.

When children and youth complete the activities, they can receive a certificate authorizing the completion of the NetSmartz Workshop.

NetSmartz Workshop is made possible via a public-private partnership with the United States Congress, United States Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, and Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Winning Teams literacy skills training

“Learning to Read and Write,” the final series of Winning Teams training, begins April 13 and runs through April 27. The Missouri State Library is co-sponsoring the free early childhood development workshops at 49 sites across the state.

This last series of classes, which focuses on learning how to support the development of children’s early literacy skills, is the perfect opportunity to promote libraries as partners in early childhood education to parents and educators.

Library directors and administrators are encouraged to contact facilitators for the workshops nearest them and offer to give brief presentations about library services during the course. Bring library registration information, booklists, book displays, and information about your summer reading program to share with parents, educators, and others participating in the course. To obtain information about the Winning Teams training sites that are served by your library, please contact Nancee Dahms-Stinson at nancee.dahms-stinson@sos.mo.gov, or (800) 325-0131.

Learn more about Winning Teams and course developers RISE Learning Solutions at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/services/winningteams/>.

Trustee workshop scheduled for April 17

The Missouri State Library presents a new workshop series designed to help library board members become “master” trustees. Over the course of four workshops, trustees will learn about their roles and responsibilities, legal issues, money issues, and planning and standards.

The first session, “Library Boards 101 – Foundations for Success,” focuses on the roles and responsibilities of library board members. By the end of the workshop, trustees will understand the best way to establish bylaws and policies, select and educate other trustees, support the library director, and communicate the services of the library effectively.

This workshop will be conducted by videoconference to five libraries across the state on Saturday, April 17, 2004, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Trustees are welcome to attend the workshop at any of the five locations:

- Cass County Public Library, 400 East Mechanic, Harrisonville
- Columbia Public Library, 100 West Broadway, Columbia
- H.E. Sever Memorial Library, 207 West Chestnut, Kahoka
- The Library Center, 4653 South Campbell, Springfield
- West Plains Public Library, 750 West Broadway Street, West Plains

Trustees can register by contacting Holly Dentner, Missouri State Library, 1-800-325-0131, ext. 8, or e-mail at holly.dentner@sos.mo.gov.

The next workshop in the series, covering library legal issues, is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2004. Registration details for that workshop will be in the mail soon.

After school programming grant deadline

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has released a grant opportunity for the 21st Century Community Learning Center After School Program. The program creates community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours, including literacy activities, educational services for families of participating children, and other services that complement regular academic programs.

Applicants must primarily serve students who attend schools eligible for Title I school wide programs, where at least 40% of students qualify for free or reduced-cost meals.

Additional information about the grant program can be found on http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered//saca_21st_century_learning_centers.htm. The deadline for submitting proposals is 2 p.m., April 22, 2004.

Grants available for exploring Jewish literature and culture

Applications are now available from the American Library Association for "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature Identity and Imagination," a new initiative that will award grants to up to 200 public and academic libraries across the country.

The program aims to expand audiences for Jewish literature nationwide and recruit new libraries to present Let's Talk About It programming. Each participating library will receive a \$1,500 grant, training, and program and promotional materials to present a five-part series based on one of the four new themes. The series will be open to public audiences and feature discussion programs led by local scholars and supporting materials developed by ALA and Nextbook.

For a grant application and guidelines, visit www.nextbook.org/ala. Applications for the first grant round must be received by June 1, 2004.

Binding workshop available at Linda Hall Library

The University of Kansas is offering a one-day workshop in Missouri to educate library staff about library binding, including using the services of a commercial binder to meet library preservation goals. Workshop topics will include processing materials for binding, maintaining a good working relationship with a bindery, and strategies for making sound preservation treatment decisions.

The workshop is on Thursday, April 29, 2004, at the Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, Missouri. Fees range from \$10 for library school students and \$50 for GWLA member libraries to \$75 for non-GWLA member libraries. For registration information, contact the University of Kansas Continuing Education Department at (785) 864-5823 or toll-free at (877) 404-5823. Online registration is available at:

<http://www.kuce.org/programs/lbw/index.html>

ALA workshops eligible for Show Me Steps grants

The Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of the American Library Association, is offering four education opportunities in April and May that are eligible for the Missouri State Library's Show Me Steps to Career Development Grants.

Two preservation workshops are offered in April. "Metadata for Digitized Resources," on April 19 in Chicago, will outline the types of metadata necessary to maintain a digital collection. "Project Management for Digital Imaging," on April 20 in Chicago, will assist both current and future project managers beginning or already in the planning stages of production-based projects.

On April 19-20, 2004, in Richmond, Virginia, ALCTS will offer "A Supervisor's Academy: Essentials of Supervision for the Professional Librarian." The two-day workshop will explore modern management techniques and is geared for heads of technical services departments and library directors who supervise both professionals and paraprofessionals.

"Basic Collection Development" is offered on May 3-4, 2004, in Chicago. The workshop will cover the responsibilities of the collection development librarian, including the impact of electronic resources on print collections and user behavior.

For more details about these workshops or for registration details, go to www.ala.org/alcts/events. If you are interested in attending one of these workshops and need financial assistance, please consider submitting a Show-Me-Steps to Career Development Grant application to the Missouri State Library. The grant can cover registration fees, transportation, lodging, meals, and miscellaneous travel expenses or program costs, as deemed reasonable by the State Library.

The 2004 Show Me Steps Grant application is now available on the State Library Web site, http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/grants/SO4_ShowMeSteps.pdf.

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